

I'm Governor Haley Barbour.

From the Natchez Trace to our famous delta, ~~from~~ the Pine Belt to our gorgeous Gulf Coast, Mississippi's natural beauty is a point of pride for all of us.

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Over the past several years, Mississippians have had a lot of experience dealing with nature. ~~And~~ protecting our natural resources is important to us.

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That's why I'm happy to announce Mississippi's support for EcoDriving.

EcoDriving is a way for all drivers to improve fuel efficiency while reducing emissions by making a few simple changes to their driving and vehicle maintenance habits.

Each of us can improve our vehicle's mileage by as much as 15 percent by practicing EcoDriving,

In fact, the state could save roughly **XX million gallons*** of gas each year, an annual savings of XX dollars at today's prices and a reduction of more than 2.3 million tons of greenhouse gases annually if all Mississippi drivers practiced EcoDriving.

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Join me in helping to spread the word about EcoDriving. And visit the EcoDriving Web site -- www.EcoDrivingUSA.org -- for helpful tips to make your driving habits more efficient.

Working together, we can preserve our beautiful state and its natural resources for generations to come.

* Mississippi's Ecodrive Calculations